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In re Application of :
Verma et al. : DECISION GRANTING
Application No. 10/732,992 : PETITION
Filed: December 11, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 208-6139CT :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c), filed April 16, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 11, 2003, rather than the presently accorded filing date of December 12, 2003.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on December 11, 2003. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EV193584389US. Although the Express Mail label does not show a date-in, it does contain a United States Postal Service (USPS) stamp of December 11, 2003. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is necessary.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to December 11, 2003.

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